

## MI Child Support Formula - Child Support Payments

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To Whom It May Concern:

Does this new proposal which links child support payments with the number of overnight visits the non-custodial parent has, include those parents who are supposed to pay child support, but don't, yet they still have visitation rights? Since the legislature is considering tying child support payments with visitation, why not deny visitation for those parents who purposefully do not pay child support?

I have been attempting for the past 3 1/2 years to get the father of my 6 year old daughter to pay court ordered child support. The monies I have received for child support from him have been from an income tax refund and a workman's comp settlement (which was bogus anyway). The man is physically able to hold down a job, but doesn't and he just refuses to pay support. Bench warrants have been issued, but put "on hold" because of circumstances he creates.

The Macomb County Friend of the Court has consistently let him get away without paying. There is a bench warrant "on hold" at this time and he has agreed to pay the FOC about \$1500.00 by July 10. If he doesn't pay the full amount, he was told he will be arrested and spend 30 days in jail. This most recent warrant has been held over his head for almost 3 months, and he agrees to do everything the Court requests of him, but he doesn't and each time I take time off work to go to hearings, he comes up with another excuse not to pay and the Court lets him off. I wonder what's going to happen in a couple of weeks when he doesn't pay the full amount agreed to? He is already \$8,000.00 in arreages and I know he has no intention of paying. Yet, he has visitation every Thursday and every other weekend. We also split Christmas and Easter vacations and he gets our daughter for 2 weeks in the summer. Where's the justice in that? Who's losing out on this one? He certainly isn't. He gets to see our daughter and spend time with her. I work full-time and I have full financial responsibility for this child. I pay her medical and dental bills too.

When is someone going to do something about the parents who don't pay court ordered child support? By passing this 52-day proposal, the father of my daughter gets another break. Thanks a lot.

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